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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 208.792, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Missouri Rx plan advisory commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 208.792, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.792, to read as follows:

- 208.792. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Rx Plan Advisory
- 2 Commission" within the department of [health and senior] social services[,
- 3 division of senior services and regulation] to provide advice on the benefit design
- 4 and operational policy of the Missouri Rx plan established in sections 208.782 to
- 5 208.798. The commission shall consist of the following fifteen members:
- 6 (1) The lieutenant governor, in his or her capacity as advocate for [the 7 elderly] senior citizens;
- 8 (2) Two members of the senate, with one member from the majority party
- 9 appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and one member of the minority
- 10 party appointed by the president pro tem of the senate with the concurrence of
- 11 the minority floor leader of the senate;
- 12 (3) Two members of the house of representatives, with one member from
- 13 the majority party appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and
- 14 one member of the minority party appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 15 representatives with the concurrence of the minority floor leader of the house of
- 16 representatives;
- 17 (4) The director of the division of medical services in the department of
- 18 social services;
- 19 (5) The director of the division of senior and disability services [and

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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- 20 regulation] in the department of health and senior services;
- 21 (6) The chairperson of the governor's commission on special health,
- 22 psychological and social needs of minority older individuals;
- 23 (7) The following four members appointed by the governor, with the advice
- 24 and consent of the senate:
 - (a) A licensed pharmacist;
- (b) A licensed physician;
- 27 (c) A representative from a senior advocacy group; and
- 28 (d) A representative from an area agency on aging;
- 29 (8) A representative from the pharmaceutical manufacturers industry as
- 30 a nonvoting member appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the
- 31 speaker of the house of representatives;
- 32 (9) One public member appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;
- 33 and

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- 34 (10) One public member appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 35 representatives.
- 36 In making the initial appointment to the committee, the governor, president pro
- 37 tem, and speaker shall stagger the terms of the appointees so that four members
- 38 serve initial terms of two years, four members serve initial terms of three years,
- 39 four members serve initial terms of four years, and one member serves an initial
- 40 term of one year. All members appointed thereafter shall serve three-year terms.
- 41 All members shall be eligible for reappointment. The commission shall elect a
- 42 chair and may employ an executive director and such professional, clerical, and
- 43 research personnel as may be necessary to assist in the performance of the
- 44 commission's duties.
- 45 2. Recognizing the unique medical needs of the senior African-American
- 46 population, the president pro tem of the senate, speaker of the house of
- 47 representatives, and governor will collaborate to ensure that there is adequate
- 48 minority representation among legislative members and other members of the
- 49 commission.
- 3. The commission:
- 51 (1) May provide advice on guidelines, policies, and procedures necessary
- 52 to establish the Missouri Rx plan;
- 53 (2) Shall educate Missouri residents on quality prescription drug
- 54 programs and cost-containment strategies in medication therapy;
- 55 (3) Shall assist Missouri residents in enrolling or accessing prescription

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56 drug assistance programs for which they are eligible; and

- 57 (4) Shall hold quarterly meetings and other meetings as deemed 58 necessary.
- 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their service on the commission, but shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as a member of the commission.

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